



**REGIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE LAWS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**



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**THE PROGRAM ORGANISERS**

**THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)**

The ADB was established in 1966 and its headquarters are located in Manila, the Philippines. ADB is dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through supporting environmentally sustainable growth and regional integration. It provides loans and grants and shares information in support of education and health care services; environment, climate change and disaster risk management; the development of infrastructure; financial and public administration systems; and regional cooperation and integration. It also assists nations within the Asia-Pacific region to prepare for the impacts of climate change and to better manage their natural resources.

**IUCN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (IUCNAEL or the “ACADEMY”)**

The IUCN Academy of Environmental Law is a network of some 200 Law schools from more than 50 countries across the globe that share a commitment to the advancement of teaching and research in environmental law. It is uniquely positioned to build environmental law education capacity and promote the conceptual development of environmental law. Its Secretariat is based at the Law School, University of Maryland in the USA. The Academy is completely independent of IUCN in terms of its governance and finances, but works closely with IUCN’s Environmental Law Centre, based in Bonn, and its World Commission on Environmental Law, to advance IUCN’s Environmental Law Program.

The Academy recognizes that education in environmental law is a vital contribution to the rule of law and to the robust environmental governance essential for sustainable development. It seeks to advance these goals through:

- Development and delivery of training programs aimed at building teaching capacity at the university level in environmental law;
- Generation of global research programs with major partners to feed into national and international environmental law and policy agendas; and
- Convening major international conferences and exchanges through the efforts of its Secretariat and its electronic communications.

The Academy conducts an Annual Colloquium in a different location each year and seeks to engage scholars from developing countries in these conferences. The next Academy Colloquium will be held in Glasgow, Scotland From 4-6 July, 2018. See further: <http://www.iucnael.org/>

## **THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**

The Open University of Sri Lanka was established in 1980. It is one of the 15 state universities in the country but is unique in that it is the only university that caters specifically to adult, employed students, promotes a vision of life long learning and delivers its academic programmes through the distance mode of teaching. The university has outreach throughout the country, with 8 Regional Centres in 8 of the Provinces and 18 Study Centres in most of the Administrative Districts. In line with its vision of providing a second chance to those who missed the opportunities to further their education along a conventional path, the Open University offers programmes starting at Certificate level, going on to Diploma, Higher Diploma, Degree, Postgraduate Degree and Diploma, up to Higher Degrees. As a result of this infrastructure and its teaching methodology, the Open University is able to serve a large number of students at all academic levels.

The Department of Legal Studies was one of the first academic departments established in the Open University and the LL.B programme that it offers is also one of the earliest. It is also one of the programmes that is most in demand. The degree has gained recognition from the Council of Legal Education and law graduates of the Open University are permitted to join the Bar on passing the required examinations administered by the Council of Legal Education.

Environmental studies, including environmental law, has been given prominence in curricula in all disciplines in the Open University. Environmental law has been taught for the past 20 years in the LL.B programme as well as in programmes of other disciplines. The Open University also established an Environmental Studies Unit which was recently upgraded to the Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development.

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